**Resources of the Unit**

**Multi-media**

<http://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/ushistory/westwardexpansion/preview.weml>

* During the first half of the 19th century, the United States acquired millions of acres of new territory, and its citizens quickly began heading west to settle this wilderness. In this BrainPOP movie on westward expansion, Tim and Moby will teach you about the hardships they faced, and the rewards they reaped. You’ll learn the concept of Manifest Destiny, and how it helped spread white Americans across undeveloped lands. You’ll also hear about what life on the trail was *really* like on the Oregon Trail, the 3,200-km route traveled by hundreds of thousands of pioneers. Finally, you’ll find out how the American Indians of the West were treated, and how the U.S. government broke its promises to them. So hitch up your oxen, load up your covered wagon, and hit the trail!

**America Rock:  School House Rock!  Videocassette.  Disney Studios, 1997.**

* This video offers 30 minutes of animated music videos dealing with the history of the United States.  The video explains the founding of American, the Declaration of Independence, the start of the revolution, the Constitution, the pioneers opening the west, the ethnic diversity of America, Great American Inventors, Women’s Right to Vote, how a bill becomes a law, and the three branches of government.  A great tool to introduce these topics in a fun way!

* <http://shs.umsystem.edu/outreach/teachpacket/westexp/wwexp-pd-moca-july02.html>

**Maps:**

* <http://www.octa-trails.org/learn/resources/powerpoints/westward_expansion.pdf>

**Journals, Memoirs, Diaries, Letters, and Autobiographies**

* <http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/resources/archives/index.htm>
* Primary source material on the American West, including many memoirs, journals, diaries, letters, and autobiographies.

**Photo graphs:**

* <http://digital.denverlibrary.org/>

**Online Museum**

* <http://www.nps.gov/jeff/planyourvisit/museum-of-westward-expansion.htm>

**Literature List:**

* <http://library.thinkquest.org/6400/>

**Other Helpful Sources:**

* <http://library.thinkquest.org/6400/>

* <http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/web/westward.html>

* <http://www.pioneerswest.com/pioneermen.html>

* <http://edweb.sdsu.edu/T2ARP/quest/journeys/westlessons.html>

* <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/modules/westward/links.cfm>

**Web quest Optional:**

* <http://questgarden.com/126/69/6/110517173654/conclusion.htm>

* <http://questgarden.com/78/39/5/090317195930/task.htm>

* <http://questgarden.com/106/15/9/101014102854/process.htm>